

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York [Mr. GILMAN].

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. GILMAN asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present H.R. 3916 to the House.

This bill, which was cosponsored by my colleagues from New Jersey, Mr. ANDREWS and Pennsylvania, Mr. FOX, will permit university-level linguistic researchers to use Voice of American and Radio Marti transcripts for the purpose of research. The authority provided in this bill sunsets after 5 years.

This legislation is necessary since the U.S. Information Agency is forbidden to disseminate domestically the materials it produces. This legislation waives this prohibition, allowing USIA to provide computer-readable multilingual text and recorded speech in various languages to the University of Pennsylvania's Linguistic Data Consortium. The authority to release the VOA transcripts is carefully targeted to the university-level research community.

All the data to be received by the Consortium will be processed in electronic form by computers to create statistical tables and models of speech and written language, from which content is not recoverable. Thus there is no question of the data being redistributed as news or as any kind of product other than a data base for linguistic research and development.

The Linguistic Data Consortium is a nonprofit organization founded in 1992 with the mission of making resources for research in linguistic technologies widely available. About 80 companies, universities, and government agencies are members of the consortium. The data will be provided at not cost to the Government; the consortium is required to reimburse the Government for any costs the Government incurs.

The U.S. Information Agency, I should add, has no objective to the enactment of this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3916.

As Chairman GILMAN has explained, this bill will allow the U.S. Information Agency to make available certain transcripts and recordings to a research consortium associated with the University of Pennsylvania.

The Linguistic Data Consortium is associated with the University of Pennsylvania and other universities, companies, and Government agencies. It will use these materials in research into computerized speech recognition and voice synthesis, document retrieval, computerized translation, and other areas.

Transcripts of broadcasts by the Voice of America and Radio Marti are

considered unusual and valuable for research by this consortium because these services broadcast in so many languages.

This research could lead to the development of software that will help U.S. companies as well as Government agencies translate their products and technology into other languages. This is an area where our European counterparts are ahead of the United States.

Research conducted as a result of this bill could help U.S. companies catch up.

I commend the chairman for bringing this bill forward and I urge its adoption.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York [Mr. GILMAN] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3916.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the subject of the measure just considered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

#### RECLAMATION RECYCLING AND WATER CONSERVATION ACT OF 1996

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3660) to make amendments to the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3660

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Reclamation Recycling and Water Conservation Act of 1996".

#### SEC. 2. WATER RECYCLING PROJECTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 (43 U.S.C. 390h et seq.) is amended—

(1) by redesignating sections 1615, 1616, and 1617 as sections 1631, 1632, and 1633, respectively, and

(2) by inserting after section 1614 the following new sections:

#### "SEC. 1615. NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY AREA WATER RECYCLING PROJECT.

"(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary, in cooperation with the appropriate State and

local authorities, is authorized to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the North San Diego County Area Water Recycling Project, consisting of projects to reclaim and reuse water within service areas of the San Elijo Joint Powers Authority, the Leucadia County Water District, the City of Carlsbad, and the Olivenhain Municipal Water District, California.

"(b) COST SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of a project described in subsection (a) shall not exceed 25 percent of the total cost.

"(c) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall not provide funds for the operation or maintenance of a project described in subsection (a).

#### "SEC. 1616. CALLEGUAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT RECYCLING PROJECT.

"(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary, in cooperation with the appropriate State and local authorities, is authorized to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Calleguas Municipal Water District Recycling Project to reclaim and reuse water in the service area of the Calleguas Municipal Water District in Ventura County, California.

"(b) COST SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of a project described in subsection (a) shall not exceed 25 percent of the total cost.

"(c) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall not provide funds for the operation or maintenance of a project described in subsection (a).

#### "SEC. 1617. CENTRAL VALLEY WATER RECYCLING PROJECT.

"(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary, in cooperation with the appropriate State and local authorities, is authorized to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Central Valley Water Recycling Project to reclaim and reuse water in the service areas of the Central Valley Reclamation Facility and the Salt Lake County Water Conservancy District in Utah.

"(b) COST SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of a project described in subsection (a) shall not exceed 25 percent of the total cost.

"(c) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall not provide funds for the operation or maintenance of a project described in subsection (a).

#### "SEC. 1618. ST. GEORGE AREA WATER RECYCLING PROJECT.

"(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary, in cooperation with the appropriate State and local authorities, is authorized to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the St. George Area Water Recycling Project to reclaim and reuse water in the service area of the Washington County Water Conservancy District in Utah.

"(b) COST SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of a project described in subsection (a) shall not exceed 25 percent of the total cost.

"(c) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall not provide funds for the operation or maintenance of a project described in subsection (a).

#### "SEC. 1619. WATSONVILLE AREA WATER RECYCLING PROJECT.

"(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary, in cooperation with the City of Watsonville, California, is authorized to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Watsonville Area Water Recycling Project to reclaim and reuse water in the Pajaro Valley in Santa Cruz County, California.

"(b) COST SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of a project described in subsection (a) shall not exceed 25 percent of the total cost.

"(c) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall not provide funds for the operation or maintenance of a project described in subsection (a).

#### "SEC. 1620. SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER RECYCLING PROJECT.

"(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary, in cooperation with the appropriate State and